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Senator Wolcott's Speech. Senator Wolcott in New York last night replied indirectly, but plainly enough, to the absurd stories accrediting him with a purpose to throw up his office because of differences with the administration on the money question. The stories had found no acceptance. While an impulsive man, Mr. Wolcott is not a quitter, and while a young man has had considerable experience in politics, and has observed that petulancy gains no points in a fight for principle.

Mr. Wolcott is the most brilliant, as he is one of the ablest, of those western republicans who found their party's road last year a hard one to travel. His people he himself did. The Chicago platform was interpreted to them as being distinctly friendly to their interests, while the St. Louis platform was assailed as being both vague and insincere. Mr. Wolcott breasted a high tide of opposition with a very fine courage. He refused to leave his party, pledged himself for its sincerity, and declared that through its policies, rather than through those of the opposition, his state and the country at large could have good ground for hope of returning prosperity and a sound and liberal financial system.

The senator has evidently not changed his position. He is still a republican, and a national republican. He speaks for a national as against a sectional or class spirit. He champions the west, as very properly he should, and as few of her sons can. He seems to be as far now as ever he was from following the lead of mere faction, or from putting all of his eggs into one basket.

Speaking of the government Mr. Wolcott said: "Our system of government is all it is a little more hearty support and a lit tle less criticism." That is an excellent sentiment capitally expressed. It may be appropriately applied too in the matter of the administration now conducting the affairs of the country. The President, so far, has given a plain and straightforward reading to the platform on which he was elected. He is entitled to support. He cannot fail to receive that support without disaster following to the cause which he represents If his party restored to power gives itself up to criticism and contention rather than to a sturdy and united effort to keep both the letter and the spirit of its promises to the people, a sharp and an emphatic rebuke at the polls is certain to be recorded.

Paying for Maceo's Betrayal.

The appointment of Dr. Zertucha, the man who is believed by the friends of Cuba to have led Antonio Maceo to his death, to be mayor of the town of Bejucal, in Havana province, must be regarded as a serious mistake on the part of General Blanco. Zertucha has a bad record. He issued a long statement seeking to clear himself of the suspicion of the betrayal of Maceo, but his subsequent actions tend to confirm the conviction that he was the chief agent of the Spaniards in what seems to have been a plot to accomplish the death of the Cubans' most intrepid leader. Zertucha's financial fortunes have been on the has been honored by appointment it will be exceedingly difficult to persuade the Cubans and indeed the Americans as well that the administration at Havana is not seeking to pay off the remainder of the deb Spain owes to Zertucha. This is a poor guarantee of sincerity in the Spanish efforts toward reform. It suggests that the Cuban patriots are to be wholly ignored, and that the traitors and the sples are to be given preference. The Cubans do not ask for office, but for independence. Nevertheless it will surely not tend to mollify them and place them in an attitude of greater complacency toward the scheme of autonomy to witness the preference of such men as Zertucha for public office.

An Old Charge Once More Disproved. The charge that the troops of the United States from the cruiser Boston were the active agencies for the overthrow of the government of Queen Liliuokalani has been often refuted, but it continues to artear in all discussions of the question of annexing the Hawalian Islands. The history of the case was muddled by Commissioner Flount, whose inadequate investigation and partial report from Hawaii prejudiced the minds of many people against the present government at Honolulu. Even now, after the truth of the case has been plainly set forth from competent authority, this insinuation appears as a reason why the United States should not accept the proffer of the islands, freely made by the established government. The Star's correspondent at Honolulu sends a complete summary of the facts in the case, showing in a letter printed in today's issue how absurd is the suggestion that either Captain Wiltse or Minister Stevens was in the least accountable for the down-

are now reviving. It is very gratifying to note that the leading mercantile establishments of Washington have decided to keep their doors closed all day Christmas day, and thus give their employes an opportunity to devote themselves completely to the enjoyment of the day. This is a proper and just recognition of the faithfulness with which the cierks and other employes of Washington stores have devoted themselves to the interests of their employers during the busy rush of the past two weeks.

fall of Mrs. Dominis. This letter is a val-

uable contribution to the literature of the

annexation project, routing as it does with

the most convincing statements the utterly

false charge that the anti-annexationists

The manner in which Mr. Smalley dispopularized himself in his remarks at the Brooklyn dinner indicates that on such occasions it is just as well for a man to stick

to an effort to be facetious.

Employes' Deposits. The general laws governing the public transportation companies doing business in this District are in the main very satisfactory. One by one the few deficiencies are being discovered and are supplied as emergencies disclose them and as opportunity for securing the remedial legislation offers. A session or two ago a general provision was attached to a bill passed in the interest of a certain corporation, requiring all the street railway companies to submit annual reports giving the most complete information in detail concerning their affairs, as far as they affect the public interests. This law, though not yet completely obeyed, is nevertheless an excellent agency for keeping the companies in check. Now appears a new necessity, suggested by the experience of the employes of the Belt line, who are in court asking for a consideration of their rights. These men were required, before accepting

THE EVENING STAR. employment from the company, to deposit sums ranging from \$15 to \$25 each, to cover the value of the property in their charge. In theory these deposits were held by the company in trust, but there seems to be difficulty now in ascertaining the whereabouts of the funds. No interest is paid by the holding company. When the force was recently reduced it is said some of the men were paid their deposits, while others, the division being according to the length of service, were not given their money. There should be some form of statutory provision governing this situation. It is a serious affair with men who receive the small wages given by some of the local street railway companies. As long as they are sure to recover the funds, whatever may happen to the corporation, it is as well that they be required to deposit certain sums, but the character of the corporation in the premises as a trustee should be definitely stated by the law. The local gas company gives 6 per cent interest on the deposits intrusted to it by consumers to cover the value of the meter and the credits from month to month, and so should the railway companies be required to pay interest on the funds in their hands for a practically similar purpose. In the case of the gas company the payment of interest is a voluntary act, a business-like consideration for the rights of the patrons in this regard. But dependence is not to be safely placed in the generosity of the corporations in general. A simple provision should be added to the first street railway law that passes the houses, requiring that all moneys thus deposited by the employes of such corporations be regarded as funds in trust, subject to no demands by the corporation and liable for no debts. It should be stipulated that a reasonable rate of interest, definitely named, be paid on these deposits and that the diversion of any portion of this fund for other than its proper purposes be regarded as an offense punishable as are

The Western Hemisphere.

prevented.

other betrayals of financial trusts. It

should also be provided that in case of

legal entanglements, such as those now

surrounding the Belt road, the claims of

unpleasantness concerning the money of

the employes of the Belt road might be

No portion of the western hemisphere is open to the despoiler as China is. All portions are reasonably safe from such assaults. There are rich countries in Central and South America indifferently officered at times, and which in certain circumstances would be exceedingly tempting to the buccaneering spirit of Europe. They have their rackets among themselves, and government there might be more secure to the local advantage. Frequent shifts are made, and now this leader is up and then that. But rapid and violent as the changes may be, no fine old land grabber with a crown on his head ever reaches his long arm from across the sea and tries to profit by dissention. And why? The Monoe doctrine forbids. The United States, more conspicuously

than any other nation, stands for "peace on earth and good will toward men." Never in its history has it been a despoiler. It carries itself kindly toward the strong, and particularly toward the weak having claims upon its friendship. It undertakes no campaigns for plunder. It puts no commercial appraisement on the blood of its missionaries. It is, in a word, a peaceloving nation, with power sufficient easily

to command the peace in its own behalf. The Monroe doctrine asserted by so strong a power serves a double purpose. The doctrine is not founded altogether in selfishness. The United States wisely enough considers its own interests first, but it must also consider and does consider the interests of its less favored neighbors. orm in keeping alive and making secure the spirit of liberty and independence which its example has created in others. And hence it warns off the titled despoiler whose roving eye is seeking pastures rich and new. He has explicit notice that there is no thoroughfare for him on this side of the water.

buy for clients all over the globe. They buy either as their clients direct or for their best interests, and the current in either case

What the fate of Central and South America would long since have been but for the Monroe doctrine and the conviction in Europe that an unshakable resolution was behind it is plainly to be seen in this concerted movement on helpless China. The situation over on this side would have been far more inviting than the situation now is on that. But the western hemisphere, thanks to the United States, which stands at its head in progress and power, has no invaders to meet, with knives drawn, ready to siice it up to suit their purposes. And the effect ought to be to draw the powers of this hemisphere the more closely together in bonds of mutual sympathy and benefit.

It can be cheerfully granted that Senator Wolcott's speeches in favor of friendly cooperation between the west and the east will not be attended with any of the disappointment associated with his bimetalic

It is not known with certainty whether the participants in the oriental excursion that the German emperor has fitted out for his brother intend to do anything more serious than a little china painting.

There is an impression that the charge of assassination has a much graver and more objectionable sound when applied to Cubans than when directed at Spaniards.

The next time Mr. Armour goes into the board of trade against a young man just out of college he will probably put on his quilted trousers and his nose-piece.

Mrs. Lease may yet succeed in making the pink tea assume the importance as an occasion for political utterance that the course dinner now possesses.

A genuine Englishman is not, as a rule, as much of a bigot as a converted Amer-

The Grade Crossing Once More. A stage coach filled with men and women

eturning home from their work in a factory in New Jersey was yesterday struck by a train at a grade crossing. That no deaths resulted from the collision was due solely to good fortune, and the accident is such as may happen at any time at one of a dozen or more crossings in this vicinity. The tracks were guarded, as the phrase goes, by "safety gates," which were not lowered until the coach was fairly on the tracks. There had been no warning given of the approach of the train, which was hidden from view of the driver. This and scores of similar accidents that occur each year serve to show that there is no dependence to be placed in these gates and that the grade crossing cannot be made safe unless all traffic is to be seriously delayed in an excess of caution. The frain bars that are let down seldom hold back any heavy approaching body, and as in this case their lowering is often the immediate cause of the accident, as where the horses are imprisoned and become uncontrolable. Incidentally it is to be observed that there is a serious hitch for some unexplained reason in the negotiations for the guarding of the grade crossings in this city that are now left unprotected after certain hours. The process of

securing the desired service from the rail-

delay is dangerous and an invitation another grade crossing horror. If the croings on the Baltimore and Ohio road that are now either wholly or partially unprotected are ever to be made safe now is the time. The accident at Passaic should serve as the latest of a long series of warnings to the authorities.

A London writer's assertion that the stage is immoral is being vigorously resented. As the charge is too general to advertise anybody, it must be set down s uncalled for.

Mr. Hanna is usually willing to admit the existence of opposition. It is not discreet in a politician to have things seem to come

SHOOTING STARS.

Snow. Oh, the snow, the beautiful snow-Sneer not at the bards who sing.

If it weren't for them we would scarcely

The existence of any such thing. A Familiar Topic.

"Well, well!" exclaimed Mrs. Corntossel. "I ain't seen anything about that big Chinese wall before in several years." "Where do ye see anything about it

now?" inquired her husband, looking over her shoulder. "Right there in that column headed 'The Partition of China.'

"De man dat makes New Year resolutions an' accidentally breaks 'em," said Uncle Eben, "ain' nigh as bad off as de man dat 'magines he doesn' need none."

Cheerless.

"There's one comfort in connection with the popular song," remarked one admirer of classical music. "We know that it will not last long."

"Yes," was the reply, "we always have the assurance that there is something worse waiting to take its place, if that's any sat-

Diagnosis.

"You will excuse me," said the actor, the men with money on deposit shall not be 'if I don't seem in my usual good spirits. subject to any other considerations, but The truth is, that I am suffering from shall be immediately satisfied. With such bilious attack." a law in force a repetition of the present

"But you appear to be remarkably well "Oh, I am." "But you speak of a bilious attack."

"Yes; a man who wants to elevate the stage just told me what he thinks of my

A Christmas Understanding. I would the world were mine to give; How freely I'd bestow it! She has my homage, and I live Merely to let her know it.

And Christmas chimes with sentiment Are sweet, since I am fated To realize my fond intent Is well reciprocated.

No jewels in the mart or mine For her too fair could glitter; No fabric e'er was wove too fine And delicate to fit her.

And she has trudged from shop to shop To find some worthy token, Till sheer fatigue made her to stop With spirit well-nigh broken.

But none the less we'll tell our loves And both imagine splendors, When I give her the usual gloves And she gives me suspenders.

The Need of American Ships. Frem the London Age.

One of the peculiar developments of the growth of the American export trade in manufactured products is the growing com-plaint among London merchants of our lack of ocean transportation facilities. It is a far cry which reaches us on this matter when it comes from London. We are familiar with the complete famili familiar with the complaints from our own manufacturers and merchants, whose business with many countries is seriousl checked for lack of direct lines of trans-portation, but it is something new to have complaints come from those whose inte ests are presumably not in line with ours But it must be remembered that a very large part of the trade of the world centers in London. International exchanges are arranged there, and London factors sell and is running strongly toward American wares. But they object to the high cost of transportation and the loss of time involved in making shipments to some English port and thence to a South American, African or Asiatic destination. They very properly ask, Why do you Americans not start direct ines of your own? Can we ever expect a

Encircled by Dilemmas.

more propitious time?

From the Philadelphia Ledger. The republican party is threatened with disruption if Congress does not do something to break down the civil service barriers. Senato: Chandler thinks it will com-mit suicide if it forces a congressional vote on the money question. There are symp-toms of a solit on Cuban, Hawaiian, pension and river and harbor issues, and various other perils confront the party in the event of its declining to take this or that political doctor's prescription. But the will of the party has been clearly indicated on all these questions, and the majority in Con-gress will risk less by conforming to it than by disregarding it.

Pollution Upstream.

From the Philadelphia Press.

A farmer of Connecticut has just recovered damages from the town of New Brigh ered damages from the town of New Brighten, in that state, because the sewage of that town so polluted a stream flowing through his farm that his cows would not drink the water. He was damaged, of course, and ought to recover. So is every one living on or near a stream and depending on it for a water supply damaged by the pollution of the stream higher up in its course. When it is made more costly to turn sewage into a stream of running water than to treat it and render it harmless on the land, living streams will cease to be polluted, their present double function of sewer and water supply will be abandoned sewer and water supply will be abandoned and the original purity of streams will be jealously guarded.

Maine's Greatest Crop.

From the Maine Farmer. If the record could be made of the young men and women who have gone out of almost every town in Maine, and won distinction elsewhere, in their chosen fields of labor, the story told would surprise the most credulous. The grandest crops produced among the granite hills have been the boys and girls who have moulded, and are moulding the thought of a wider training are moulding, the thought of a wider circie in the busy fields of earnest effort for hu-manity. The record would be a proud one for every town.

Our Policy as to China.

From the Springfield Republican. What the American policy should be toward a possible partition of China ought not to puzzle our statesmen for a moment. Keep out of the grab and stay at home—taking care, however, to safeguard our commercial rights if these be threatened. our position as the warder of this hem-isphere under the Monroe doctrine would be made more unassailable than before by dethat define the same than determined the collising to join in any division of territory in the other hemisphere. To prevent grabs in South America we must refuse to grab in

A Creditable Leader. From the Boston Herald From the Boston Herald.

The re-election of Samuel Gompers as president of the American Federation of Labor is an altogether good sign. President Gompers is rated a conservative in the ranks of organized labor, and his course since he has been at the head of the American Federation has been such as to warrant this rating. In his address at the opening of the labor convention at Nashville, last week, President Gompers took occasion to denounce the Debs socialistic program and its noisy apostles. He appreciates the fact that labor organizations, like all other organizations, need the support of public sentiment, and that this is not to be won by appeals to passion or violence, Unroad companies is a tedious one. No matter where lies the blame for the loss of time in this vitally important matter, the

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